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WELCOME BACK

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Welcome back to all returning and new families and staff for the 2018 school year. We are all very excited about what this new year presents for us all as a school. Enrolments will be around 470. It was great to see students presented in uniform and ready to begin the year on a positive note. A big thank you to parents for having your children so well prepared. We welcomed 65 Prep children who began their first day at school.

A big thank you also to all staff for preparing the classes and grounds so flawlessly. Our grounds and buildings look great again to start the year with some very timely rain around the New Year. You will notice that we have some building works being completed between Block C (Year 1 block) and Block E (4H and 3W). This work will continue over the next weeks but when completed will see the school with a covered structure spanning across the two buildings. Please be careful in this area.

Thanks for your patience, particularly during the first week or so. As more parents become confident with bus arrangements I hope we'll see a reduction in the traffic congestion. Remember to drive with caution around all schools and be patient.

With so much planned for 2018 we call on parents to take an active role in the school community by attending Parent & Citizens (P&C) Meetings once a month on the second Tuesday. Let's all have a great year.

Absence from School

Remember please that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child will be absent from school. This means that we need to know about the absence of your child on the day they are away or beforehand. You may text the dedicated absence number 0427 786 661 or choose to ring the Student Absence Line 4150 6366 or let your teacher know direct in advance if you know of the absence.

If we do not hear from you, a text will be sent to a family contact around 10:30am informing you of the absence and seeking a response from you.

Stationery Drop Off

Hopefully you received the text and/or the Skoolbag notification about the "Stationery Drop-Off" afternoon we trialled last week on Friday. Sorry that we did not give prior warning about this idea but it was only decided to trial this last week. I have seen this used at other schools around Queensland and thought we would give it a go.

I would love to get your feedback on the idea. Please either see me some time at school or email me at principal@woongarrass.eq.edu.au

ICY CUPS starting Week 2

Wednesday - second lunch break

\$0.25 ½ cup for Prep students

\$0.50 full cup

Each student may purchase 1 icy cup for themselves only!

Prep money is collected from class in the morning and icy cups are delivered to class.



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JANUARY

WEEK 1

Wed 24 Newsletter
Thur 25 Whole school Assembly
NO BREAKFAST
Fri 26 Australia Day public holiday

FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

Tues 30 Tuckshop begins
Wed 31 Newsletter
Student Banking begins
Icy Cups begin
Thur 1 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
NO BREAKFAST
Fri 2 Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 3

Tues 6 Tuckshop
Wed 7 Newsletter
Student Banking
Book Club due
Thur 8 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
Look How We've Changed Performance
NO BREAKFAST
Fri 9 Year 4-6 Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

School Staffing 2018

To assist parents in maintaining strong parent-teacher relationships at Woongarra, a staff list is provided for your information.

Principal	Jeff Irwin	Prep GK	Karen Gahan and Lynda Knight
Deputy Principal	Linda Oakley	Prep J	Alex Jurgens
Business Manager	Christine Scarborough	Prep KC	Amanda Condon and Lynda Knight
Administration Officers	Leandre Foster Jessica Severs	1C	Tania Collins
Head of Special Education	Bruce Saul	1L	Jo Lapene
Master Teacher	Wendy McKenzie	1R	Rebecca Larkman
Learning Support Teacher	Jacqui McLennan	2R	Rochelle Reepsdorff
Curriculum Leader	Elissa Wyatt	2V	Cheri Visona
Teacher Librarian	Leesa Rose	2/3B	Rosemary Birrell
P.E. Teacher	Jason Shears	3B	David Baren
Languages (German) Teacher	Charlotte Guenther	3W	Elissa Wyatt and Georgina Haselmore (<i>from Week 5 Term 1</i>)
Special Needs Teacher	Gaye McWilliams	4E	Jenny Edwards
Classroom Music Teachers	Kathy Cavanagh Ailis Morgan (<i>from Week 6 Term 1</i>)	4H	Kerry Haynes
Instrumental Music Teachers	Annette Christensen Lisa Palmer	4L	Natalie Attard (<i>Term 1</i>) and Jacqui Liston (<i>Term 2</i>)
Speech Language Pathologist	Anita Finn	5M	Sean Mullaney
Guidance Officer	Bryan Willetts	5PR	Lynda Pappalardo and Marilyn Rekow
School Chaplain	Paula Dalrymple	5/6 S	Tracey Shears
I.T.	Joshua Long	6D	Joanne Driver and Kaye Suzor (<i>Term 1</i>)
Teacher Aides	Lynette Bek Kylie Chapman Bec Cheacker Kris Flanders Christie Howden Stacey McGill Jodie Mulkearns Debra Morgan Di Rapley Krystyna Rush Kim Sologinkin	6V	Glenn Vertigan
Groundsperson	Col Fritz Nathan Moore		
Cleaners	Linda Banks Glenn Beyer Kim Wheeler		

Our staffing will be confirmed after next week. At that point, we can finalise the above list of staff.

Collection of Children after School



All children, who are being collected by car and whose parents wait in their cars for their child to walk out to them, will wait in the grassed area at the end of the administration block or near the Library/Hall.

No child will wait near the single gate at the front of the office. Parents who park outside the school in the car park on Kleins Road will need to walk into the school to collect their children. If you want them to walk out to you, please park in the main car park.

Thanks for your understanding with this matter.

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THE 5 BS

The 5 Bs are five simple expectations we apply with all students at Woongarra State School. Each class will discuss how each of these rules applies to their particular age and year level.

Be RESPECTFUL

of yourself, others and property.

Be POSITIVE

Give it your best shot.

Be RESPONSIBLE

Be safe and aware.

Be PROUD

Take pride in yourself, your work and your school.

Be TOLERANT

Understanding of others' ideas, beliefs and feelings.



Please encourage these wonderful expectations at home too!

The Woonie Way



Particularly new families, you may have noticed the sign at the front of the school that promotes what we like to call 'The Woonie Way'. We love to call ourselves *Woonies* ... that refers to the students, parents and staff of Woongarra SS. We do have our way of doing things. This definitely includes our 5 Bs.

As a staff we wanted to help define *The Woonie Way* a bit more so we came up with three elements of this 'vision': *Making a difference, Valuing Learning, and Together*. These three elements drive our passion and love of this school. As our motto says ... *Onward and Upwards*.

Playground Equipment

All playgrounds, (Year 1 at front of school, Prep in Prep area, the new playground on the big oval and the playground on the junior oval) are not to be used before or after school as they are not supervised by school staff at these times. Please remind your children of this.

Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities, especially sport, involve some inherent risk of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education does not have student accident insurance. If your child is injured at school or at a school activity as the result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is up to parents what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Needs!

Thanks for your support in having your children so well prepared for the school year.

- healthy lunches
- drinks
- school requirements
- school uniforms
- positive attitudes

All are ingredients to a successful school year and I encourage all parents to continue to maintain these high standards throughout the year. I am sure 2018 will be a great year!

Road Safety

Thank you parents for your cooperation on the roads when 'dropping off' or 'collecting' your children. A very high percentage of parents drive their kids to school and, as a result, car parking and road safety are critical.

Thanks for continuing to be aware, to be **patient**, to be **considerate** and to be **understanding** of the delays and the congestion that will occur. It only takes a minority of drivers to NOT 'Do the Right Thing' for the majority to suffer. *As a reminder, move forward in the "drop off" zone and never park or drop off in the bus zone!!*

Also, Elliott Heads Road is not an appropriate place to drop your child off!!

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Change of Details

Just a reminder to parents, if you have changed address, contact phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details, custody details or any relevant information about your child, could you please advise the office as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

Quote: *“Words of comfort, skilfully administered, are the oldest therapy known to mankind.”*

Jeff Irwin

Instrumental Music

- Woodwind / Brass / Percussion

Lessons for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion students with Ms Palmer will be on **Mondays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.



Ms Palmer

Instrumental Music - Strings

Strings with Mrs C will be on **Tuesdays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.



Mrs C

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is run at Woongarra State School twice a term (except in Term 4 when Book Fair is held and Book Club is offered once only). Book Club catalogues are distributed to the eldest child in each family and offer books suitable for 3 year olds to over 10 year olds.



Catalogues are available to be viewed on the Scholastic Book Club web site scholastic.com.au and additional catalogues are available at the Library.

Payment can be made via the LOOP app (all instructions are on the back of the catalogue) or by credit card over the phone. Alternatively, orders and payment are to be handed in to the school office by the due date. On average, the book orders are returned in about two weeks.

The first catalogues will be sent home next Wednesday with the Newsletter and orders are due by 3pm Wednesday 7 February.

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



Banking for 2018 starts in Week 2.

We encourage a minimum deposit of \$1.00. For every deposit made at school, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Please keep all your silver tokens in your banking wallet. If you have any gold tokens, please remove them from your banking wallet. No gold tokens will be issued this year to avoid confusion.



As part of the Super Savers theme, the following rewards are a great way to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of saving. The rewards are released throughout the year.

- Twister Power Handball - released Term 1
- Secret Scratch Notepad - released Term 1
- Glow Light - released Term 2
- Sparkle Glitter Pens - released Term 2
- Mighty Boom Handball - released Term 3
- Heat Reactor Pencils - released Term 3
- Slushie Maker Cup - released Term 4
- Zoom Flying Disc - released Term 4

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their very first deposit at school from a new account opened and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Deposits are also accepted for older and younger siblings of current students.

Breakfast Club (Thursday 8am) commencing Week 4

A donation of 1 carton of long-life milk / 1 box of cereal preferably rice bubbles / corn flakes / weetbix (any brand) would be appreciated at any time during the year. Please leave at the office.

Polo Shirts in House Colours \$20

Polo shirts in House colours with the House name printed on the back are available for purchase through our P&C.

These shirts may be worn on Fridays, Sports Day and other events such as the School Fun Run. However, Years 4 - 6 may not wear this shirt on interschool sport days as these students leave the school grounds and the Woonie uniform is easy to identify amongst a crowd of children!!

To purchase a shirt, please complete the order form (available at the office) and return it to the office with payment in an envelope marked HOUSE SHIRT.

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A word From Chaplain Paula

"You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one."

Welcome to all our new and existing families in 2018! I look forward to catching up with all in Week 4 of this term. I am on 3 weeks long service leave until then. My days at Woongarra State School in 2018 will be Wednesday and Thursday.

Warmest regards
Chaplain Paula

PS School breakfast will start Week 4 and will be on Thursday mornings this year. Thank you to all who can support by donating milk and cereal, it is much appreciated!

2017 Swimming and Sports money owing

Unfortunately, there is still money owing for 2017 from a number of activities:

... Year 1 - 3 Swimming	(Term 4, 2017)
\$ 75	(2 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Swimming	(Term 1, 2017)
\$ 138	(3 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 2, 2017)
\$ 68	(5 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 3, 2017)
\$ 260	(13 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 4, 2017)
\$ 289	(17 students)

Whilst the school has paid the bills relating to these activities, the school money used to cover these costs could have been used elsewhere in the school to benefit your child. Some students in Years 1-6 still haven't received their Swimming Certificate as fees have yet to be paid from 2017.

Prompt payment of any outstanding debts would be greatly appreciated!

A massive THANK YOU to all of those families who have paid up all their fees owing in 2017. We genuinely appreciate your efforts.

Jason Shears (P.E.)

BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS
ASSOCIATION INC.

2018 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS COME & TRY NIGHT

Friday 2 February
7.00 - 9.00 pm

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Road, West Bundaberg
(opposite airport)

Contact Dave Delpratt (4155 2388) or
bundytt@bigpond.com



Tuckshop News

Welcome back everyone.

Tuckshop starts Tuesday
30 January 2018.

For those new to the school, Tuckshop operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We operate on a bag order system or you can now order online. Download the Qkr app and follow the instructions. Flyers are available at the office or the Tuckshop.

Help is always required in the Tuckshop so if there is anyone (parent/grandparent/guardian) who could help in any way, please contact me or leave your name and phone number at the office. Monies raised through the Tuckshop go back into the school for various projects.

For your convenience, a 2018 Menu and a Qkr flyer will be sent home with this Newsletter, so please ensure you have a copy.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Tuesday 30 January

Fay
Belinda Loeskow

Thursday 1 February

Tracy Balto
Fay
Haylee Gough

Tuesday 6 February

Fay
Haylee Gough
Anthony Williamson
(9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you all for your support. Please let me know asap if you can't attend, so a replacement can be organised.

Lyn Dobbs
Convenor
(M) 0418 235 722

P&C Association

The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The Annual General Meeting is held in March of each year. Our first meeting for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 13 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4 - 6 Swimming - Term 1

This term, we will, utilise the Bundaberg Swim Academy's graded certificate program to conduct our school's swimming program as part of the Physical Education program. The basic aim of the program is to provide a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills that is delivered by qualified instructors.

The program focuses on six skill strands: Entries and exits; sculling and body orientation; movement and swimming strokes; survival and personal flotation devices skills, underwater skills and rescue skills. It is hoped the program develops swimming technique, water safety knowledge, water confidence, survival skills and endurance for each child. Groups will have approximately 10 - 12 students per instructor. Students will be grouped according to their ability level.

With the aid of Government and school-based financial assistance, the swimming levy will be approximately \$55 per student for a 9 week program. We are currently waiting on quotes to finalise this amount. This levy covers bus to and from the pool, pool entry fee and the cost of hiring the instructors. This price is very reasonable when you consider that a private swim school charges approximately \$12 - \$15 per half hour lesson. We are looking at half that price for a 40 minute lesson! When you consider that swimming is a life skill that can save a life, this is a more than reasonable cost. Please contact the school ASAP if you need to organise a payment plan.

The Physical Education teacher, classroom teachers and parents are still required to be at the pool for supervisory purposes with individual groups. So to all those parents who are available to assist with Year 4 - 6 swimming this term, please turn up at Norville Pool as you will definitely be required to assist with the program - who knows, you may also learn something yourself that you may utilise in the future. Please check for swim times on your child's swimming note that should be going home this week.

If you have any major concerns, please contact the school at your earliest convenience and we will try to answer any of your questions.